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Re: U.S. Allowed Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 08/249,671; filed May 26, 1994
For: **Process and Vector for Expressing Alpha-
Interferon in *E. coli* (as amended)**
Inventors: Hauptmann *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.1350000/RWE

Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due" dated July 11, 1997, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Return postcard; and
3. Our Check No. 20200 for \$1,350.00 to cover:

\$1,320.00 Utility issue fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a)); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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